



“NO! NOT THIS TIME IN GRASSMOOR CAMPAIGN”

THE FIGHT GOES ON

It may seem that it has been along time since we first heard about Derbyshire County Council’s (DCC) plans for the In Vessel Composting Plant and Highways Agency move to Grassmoor. It is not.

The ‘No Not This Time In Grassmoor’ campaign group is still meeting regularly. It has made numerous significant achievements. From the overwhelming success of the Protest March, DCC invited campaign group members to a unique and special meeting. As you read this, the group will have met with the Derbyshire County Council to show that the fight in Grassmoor is still strong.

As the Grassmoor struggle progresses, campaign group members were asked to speak at the Wingerworth Parish Hall meeting of angry residents on Wednesday 22 November. They are now forming a campaign group and are asking to be consulted by Derbyshire County Council, as they recognise the proposals will have an adverse impact on their lives, as it will on us in Grassmoor.

The Grassmoor petition now has over 1,200 signatures on it and thanks must go to Carol Withers. She has done a great job in raising awareness by going from door-to-door getting people to sign the Petition. Thanks to all who have signed it. A petition is still available for signing in the Community Centre.

Letters have been sent to the Derbyshire Times. We hope you have read them. Thanks must go to James Browne and Sean Barrett for their letters which got published. But we still need more of you to write to the Derbyshire Times. Explain why we do not want this monster plant near to where we live. Remember the Avenue Coking Works and the problems with that – everyone has a story to tell.

The DCC Regulatory and Planning Committee has yet to meet to agree the final decision, so there is still the time for you to write to DCC to object to their proposals. Write to James Cook, Planning Department Derbyshire County Council, County Hall, Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 3EG.

The issues we are fighting on are: increased traffic, obnoxious smells, excessive and unsocial noise and light pollution. The plans remain flawed and the Campaign Group continues to battle on for Grassmoor.

The ‘No Not This Time In Grassmoor’ Campaign is now on line!!!

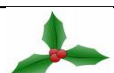
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Councillor Betty Hill Chairman of the Parish Council



I have lived in Grassmoor and served the local community for many years. In all this time I have never known an issue galvanise local opinion and cause such outrage as the proposals for the compositing plant and the highways depot have done. I would like to assure you all that the Parish Council and the Campaign Group will do all it possibly can to prevent the proposals going ahead.

Aside from the campaign, it has been another busy year for the Council. The major project has been the CCTV system which we hope you feel has made a difference. I would like to thank you all for your support over the year and on behalf of myself and the Parish Council, wish you a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.





CCTV

The CCTV cameras have been operational in Grassmoor for almost a year now. The Parish Council undertook a survey prior to the cameras being erected to ascertain the extent of the problems and the need for the cameras. As part of the funding agreement, the Parish Council agreed to undertake the survey again after a year of operation to gauge the local communities views as to whether the CCTV had achieved its objectives. The second survey will take place in the New Year with a questionnaire being delivered to every household in Grassmoor. The Parish Council would be grateful if you could take the time to complete the form when it arrives. As last year, there will a prize draw of £50 and two runners up prizes of £25 to be drawn from the questionnaires returned.

It is hoped that the Parish Council will soon be extending its CCTV coverage by purchasing a camera which can be moved from location to location to cover areas where problems occur. The first location for the new camera is likely to be on Mansfield Road Winsick which has been suffering quite badly from vandal damage and anti-social behaviour.

Update on Grassmoor Lagoons

Set out below is a press release issued recently by Derbyshire County Council regarding the Grassmoor Lagoons.

Steps are being taken by Derbyshire County Council to clean-up contaminated lagoons on a former colliery tip in Grassmoor. The lagoons next to Grassmoor Country Park contain tar and contaminated liquid from the former Avenue Coke Works run by British Coal. Funding has been earmarked by the Department of Trade and Industry for the county council to reclaim the land on its behalf. But tests need to be carried out to discover the exact nature of the toxins before decontamination works can begin. Engineering company RSK:ENSR has been appointed by the county council to carry out chemical testing on the site.

Samples of contaminated sludge and water have been taken from the lagoons and sent to the firm's laboratory for chemical analysis. Results from the investigation will be used to draw-up plans to decontaminate the site. A contractor will be appointed to carry out the decontamination which is expected to take up to five years. Planning permission and approval from the Environment Agency will be needed before the decontamination process can start. Once the process is complete, the county council proposes to turn the restored site into woodland and open it up to the public as part of the surrounding country park. Councillor Brian Lucas, Derbyshire County Council's cabinet member for sustainable communities, said: "This is a long-awaited project which will have a huge impact on people living locally.

"We hope to be able to begin the de-contamination process as soon as possible with the ultimate goal of restoring the site and turning it into public space for the whole community to enjoy." (End.)

Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Betty Hill, also welcomed the news. "The Parish Council and the local community have fought for a long time to have the Lagoons cleaned up. This represents the first stage of a project that will last several years. I would like to thank Councillor Brian Lucas and Peter Storey from the County Council for their hard work and commitment to this project. I would also like to thank all those local people who have supported the Parish Council in its campaign.





Digital Television

As you are probably aware, television is going completely digital. The process will take place between 2008 and 2012. Yorkshire Region is due to be switched over in 2011. The Parish Council is aware that this matter is causing concern to some residents. Information is available which will hopefully inform you of the current position regarding the switch over and also help allay any worries you may have. It is not possible to re-produce the information here. Detailed below however, are various contact details where you should be able to find any information you need on digital television.

By telephone:

Digital Television

DCMS Public Enquiries: 020 7211 6200

Open Monday to Friday : 10:00am to 12:00pm and 2:30pm to 4:30pm.

By email:

digitaltelevision@culture.gsi.gov.uk

Website:

www.digitaltelevision.gov.uk

Publications:

There are various publications available which may help you that can be obtained from the above contacts. There is an 8 page information leaflet 'Get Set for Digital,' copies of which will be available in the Community Centre.

Parish Council Accounts

The Parish Council accounts for 2005/2006 have been approved by both the Council's internal auditors, J S Marriott and Co and external auditors, the Audit Commission. The accounts are available for public inspection and you can arrange to do so by contacting the Parish Clerk.

Streetlighting at Winsick

The works to improve the power of the lanterns on the streetlights on Mansfield Road, Winsick, have been delayed. When the County Council came to undertake the work, it was found that several of the columns themselves needed replacing. It is hoped all the work will be completed by Christmas

Remembrance Sunday 2006

The Remembrance Sunday Service was held on 12 November. The Service which was led by Reverend Rachel Larkinson was attended by around 100 people. The Grassmoor Primary School choir sang at the Service. Councillor Pam Hemsley, Vice-Chairman laid a wreath at the memorial on behalf of the Parish Council.

Councillor David Rowland

Councillor Dave Rowland has resigned as a Parish Councillor. Councillor Rowland joined the Council in 2003. The Parish Council would like to thank him for his contribution to the work of the Parish and to wish him all the best in the future.

The Parish Council values your views as a local resident. If you have any comments on the services provided by the Parish Council, or about the website or Newsletter, please let us know by contacting the Parish Clerk.





Your Parish Councillors

Mrs EA Hill (C)	51 Tennyson Way, Grassmoor ,S42 5BA	01246 852216
Mrs PJ Hemsley (VC)	211 North Wingfield Rd, Grassmoor, S42 5ER	01246 851385
Mr IF Barlow	4 Oak Rd, Grassmoor, S42 5YB	01246 854050
Mr AH Booker	21 MacDonald Close, Grassmoor S42 5EH	01246 856073
Mr CJ Clarke	54 Mansfield Rd, Temple Normanton S42 5DQ	01246 851533
Mrs M Dovinson	41 Tennyson Way, Grassmoor ,S42 5BA	01246 855991
Mr B Garbutt	127 North Wingfield Rd, Grassmoor, S42 5EB	01246 850322
Mrs B Greenall	Mile Hill House, Winsick, S41 0JN	01246 274716
Mr K Hemsley	211 North Wingfield Rd, Grassmoor, S42 5ER	01246 851385
Mr R W Marriott	59 Chapel Road, Grassmoor, S42 5EL	01246 854587

Information and Help - Useful Contacts

For information and help on the following services contact the appropriate authority as detailed below;

<u>Service</u>	<u>Authority</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Authority</u>
Allotments	GPC	Planning Permission	NEDDC
Building Regulations	NEDDC	Public Footpaths	DCC
Bus Shelters	DCC/GPC	Recreation/Parks	GPC/NEDDC
CCTV	GPC	Refuse Collection	NEDDC
Council Tax Collection	NEDDC	Registration - Births/Deaths/Marriages	DCC
Consumer Advice	DCC	Register of Electors	NEDDC
Dog Wardens	NEDDC	Remembrance Sunday Service	GPC
Education	DCC	Social Services	DCC
Environmental Health	NEDDC	Street cleaning	NEDDC/GPC
Housing	NEDDC	Street lighting	DCC
Libraries	DCC	War Memorials	GPC

GPC Grassmoor, Hasland & Winsick Parish Council c/o Mr R Ackrill, Parish Clerk, 3 Collishaw Close, Hasland, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S41 0ES. Telephone: 01246 236878.
 Email: grassmoorpc@ntlworld.com Website: www.grassmoor.org.uk


NEDDC North East Derbyshire District Council, Council House, Saltergate, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S40 1LF. Telephone: 01246 231111.
 Website: www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk

DCC Derbyshire County Council, County Hall, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 3AG.
 Telephone: 08456 058058. Website: www.derbyshire.gov.uk






Community Centre Facilities and Activities



**COMMUNITY
CAROL SERVICE**

**THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER 2006
6.30 PM**

At the
Grassmoor Community
Centre.



For further details contact the Community
Centre on 01246 857900

**Why not have a children's
party at the Community
Centre?**

Grassmoor Community Centre is an ideal venue in which to have a children's party. It has modern, safe and spacious facilities at reasonable rates. Excellent catering can also be provided.

For further details contact the
Community Centre on 01246 857900

**Want to be a volunteer at the
Centre?**

We would love to hear from you.
Contact Susan to talk about it.
Telephone 01246 857900

New Street Tots

**Every Thursday 9-11am
at the Community Centre**

Tai Chi Group
Mondays 2-3pm

The courses are aimed at the over 50's although all age groups are welcome.

Contact: Susan Gudjonsson
0114 2553516

YOGA CLASSES

Claire Youatt offers a unique teaching style and her classes are in great demand. She is a trained therapist and is able to provide pupils to understand the relationship between a healthy body and mind. It is lucky that she is able to teach at the Centre.

Thursdays 6-7.30pm
Grassmoor Community Centre
£4.00

Comfortable clothing and mat required.

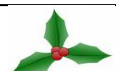
For further information contact
Claire on 01246 203727

ADVICE AND HELP IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

If you want to know anything about your rights or welfare benefits and what you are entitled to then visit either of the advice sessions held at the Community Centre:

Citizens Advice Bureau - every Monday – 10.00am – 2.00pm
Derbyshire Unemployed Workers – every Friday – 10,00am – 12.00pm

For further details contact the Community Centre on 01246 857900





Community Centre News and Information

Members of the Community Centre Management Committee

Details of the current membership of the Management Committee along with the contact details for the Secretary are set out below:-

Member	Representing	Telephone
Mrs EA Hill (Chairman)	Parish Council	01246 852216
Mrs J Bedford	Luncheon Club	01246 856306
Mr AH Booker	Parish Council	01246 856073
Mrs A Browne	New Street Tots Group	01246 857188
Mr CJ Clarke	Parish Council	01246 851533
Mrs C Fairburn	Tai Chi	01246 853199
Mr R W Marriott	Parish Council	01246 854587
Ms J Langley	Sure Start	01246 852228

Secretary: Mr R Ackrill

3 Collishaw Close

Hasland

Chesterfield, Derbyshire S41 0ES

Telephone: 01246 236878.

Email: grassmoorpc@ntlworld.com

Job Advert— Part-time Caretaker/Handyperson, Grassmoor Community Centre

Minimum 10 hours per week

Flexible working, mainly evenings

£6.45 per hour

We are looking for somebody to carry out daytime duties and occasional evening duties, with the flexibility to work additional hours at weekends, when parties and receptions are booked in at the Centre. The main caretaking role is to support and assist the Community Centre Coordinator to maintain the safety and security of the Community Centre. If you enjoy dealing with the general public and want a part time job, which requires some repair and maintenance skills, then please see contacts details below for a job description.

For Application Pack and further information, please contact:

Susan Brighthouse, Grassmoor Community Centre, New Street, Grassmoor, S42 5EY

Tel: 07956010189 or email: grassmoor@btconnect.com

Website: www.grassmoor.org.uk

Deadline for applications: Thursday 21 December 2006



Christmas and New Year Opening Times

The Centre will close on Friday 22 December and re-open on

Wednesday 4 January 2007.

